

REMARKS

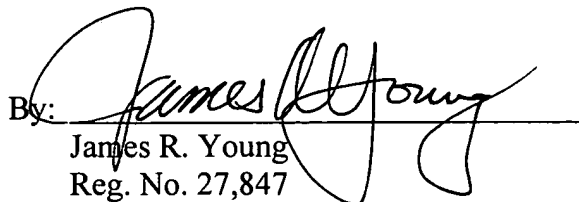
In the Office Action, Paper No. 3, the Examiner rejected claims 1-39, but he also indicated that claims 6, 7, 9, 11-19, 21, 25, and 27-35 contain allowable subject matter.

In response, the applicant has amended independent claim 6 to be independent and has made claims 1-5 depend from claim 6. Please note that applicant does not believe the patentability of the subject matter in claim 6 requires the recitations of claim 1, so they have not been included in amended claim 6. However, claims 1-5 and 7 have been amended to provide proper antecedent bases and to make other clarifying changes.

Also, in response to the examiner's Office Action, the applicant has amended independent claims 8 and 24 to include the allowable subject matter of claims 9 and 25, respectively. Therefore, claims 9 and 25 are cancelled to avoid redundancy, and amendments have been made to dependent claims 11, 16, 17, 19, 21, 23, 27, 32, 33, and 35 for proper dependency and antecedent basis purposes.

Consequently, all of the remaining claims 1-8, 10-24, and 26-39, as amended, are believed to be allowable, and the examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections and to now issue a notice of allowance. If any issues remain to be resolved, the examiner is requested to contact applicant's attorney at *the new telephone number listed below*.

Respectfully Submitted,
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